



Moultonborough Town News

Fall 2012

PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG RETURN AN EVERY DAY EVENT IN MOULTONBOROUGH

With the addition of a MedReturn drop box in the Public Safety Building, citizens can now drop off unwanted and expired prescription or non-prescription drugs during open lobby hours. Those hours are generally every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The program is anonymous and no questions or requests for identification are made. The drugs are regularly removed by police personnel and properly disposed.

Up until this time the Town has only been able to have such collections as part of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Initiative. In the four events under that program well over 100 pounds of prescription and non-prescription drugs were collected by the Town. It is hoped that regular access to this new approved disposal facility in the Town will encourage many more people to participate in this effort on a regular basis.

Police Chief Leonard J. Wetherbee said, "This initiative addresses vital public safety and health issues. Medicines that languish in medicine cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends including the home medicine cabinet."

In order to offer this program the Town had to comply with the Police Station Permanent Drop Box standards and obtain approval from several federal and state authorities. Chairman of the SelectBoard, Mr. Joel Mudgett, said "This effort to protect our groundwater from contamination from the drugs being flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash, and our residents from access to inappropriate drugs took several years. I commend the staff for their patience in getting this through the many steps of approval."

All solid and liquid dosage pharmaceutical products, in their consumer containers, are accepted. Containers with liquids should be tightly closed and placed into an intact sealed plastic bag to protect from spillage. Intravenous solutions, aerosols, inhalers, syringes (which are accepted at the Transfer Station) or illegal substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine cannot be accepted.

You may call Sgt. Scott Fulton at 1.603.476.2400 or email sfulton@moultonboroughnh.gov if you have any questions or we may assist you in any way.

A Quick Checklist

What will be collected:

All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted .e.g.:

- ✓ Controlled
- ✓ Non-controlled
- ✓ Over-the-counter
- ✓ Liquids such as cough syrup

What will NOT be collected:

- X Intravenous solutions or injectables;
- X Syringes/sharps (See Below)
- X Aerosols or inhalers
- X Illegal substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine



MEDICAL SHARPS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Medical "sharps" (needles) are not allowed in the waste stream due to the potential risk of injury to the staff and potential landfill contamination to the ground and groundwater in landfills. In recognition of these risks, the Moultonborough Waste Management Facility-Transfer Station has always offered residents a safe means of disposing of these.

You need only put these sharps into a plastic container of good condition [Laundry Detergent preferred], tape the top shut and mark it **DO NOT RECYCLE-HOUSEHOLD SHARPS**. When bringing this container to the Transfer Station you should give it to an attendant for proper processing. These sharps are processed by our vendor who properly and safely disposes them.



TOWN HALL CLOSURES

Mon., Dec. 24, 2012	Christmas Eve
Tues., Dec. 25, 2012	Christmas Day
Mon., Dec. 31, 2012	New Year's Eve
Tues., Jan. 01, 2013	New Year's Day



MOULTONBOROUGH VISITING NURSE SERVICE NOVEMBER WAS NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH

In recognition of National Home Care Month, Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service honored our dedicated staff of nurses, therapists and home health aides who are committed to the agency and the community they serve. MVNS is your town's home health agency providing quality, compassionate care for more than 40 years. Did you know that choosing a home care agency is your choice? If you are hospitalized or have an illness and require a nurse or therapist to visit you at home for your recovery, ***you have the right to choose*** the agency that will provide your care. Make it known to your physician and care manager at the hospital that you want your town's home health agency ***Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service***. You may call us on 603.476.2350 to learn more about our many ways of assisting you in meeting your needs.

Choose Quality – Choose Community – Choose Us!!

ASSESSOR NEWS



The 2012 statistical update of values has been completed by Vision Government Solutions. Informal hearings were completed in August, and any adjustments were made accordingly. Letters were sent to those who attended an informal hearing and other property owners where values were amended due to information gathered. Moultonborough's property values remained about the same as they were in 2011, as residential and commercial properties decreased slightly and utility values increased slightly.

The new values are available on the Town's website, www.moultonboroughnh.gov (Click on Departments and Boards, Assessor, 2012 Statistical Update Info and Property Values). You can search by owner, address or map/lot. You can also search the Consolidated Old-to-New Report to see individual changes to property values since last year sorted by address, map/lot, assessing neighborhood or percent change. There is also a Summary Report with the statistical results of the update and How to Read Your Property Record Card. This feature provides a section-by-section explanation of the different areas and data listed on the property record card.

The website also includes assessing neighborhood maps, as well as helpful forms. You will also find the sales report and information on the update process.

In addition, our website has information on, credits and exemptions, previous year updates and tax rate history.

We will continue our measure (exterior measurement) and list (interior feature) project in 2013. We hope to inspect about 1,000 properties in 2013 as part of this project. Vision personnel will measure the exterior of each property and attempt to inspect the interior if the homeowner is present. If they are unable to complete the interior inspection during the first visit, the property owner will receive a letter requesting an appointment for an interior inspection.

Whether or not you participated in the informal hearings with Vision, property owners can still take advantage of the abatement and appeal process. You can file for an abatement after you receive your final tax bill. The abatement form must be postmarked or received in the Assessor's Office by March 1, 2013. Information and forms are available on our website or here at Town Hall.

Remember, if you are a veteran, you may be eligible for a credit. If you are elderly, blind or disabled, you may be eligible for an exemption. For help with these questions, or any other matter, check our website, call us on 1.603.476.2347 or stop in to see any of the staff.

BOAT REGISTRATIONS

The Town of Moultonborough is **very fortunate** to have three authorized boat agents in town. Please remember when you register your boat in town, at one of our authorized boat agents, **the town boat fee goes to the Town of Moultonborough**. If you register your boat with the State, the money goes to the State. The authorized boat agents in Moultonborough are listed below.

DaSilva Motorsports
7 Moultonboro Neck Road
603.253.6688

Independent Marine
1204 Whittier Highway
603.476.5580

Trexler's Marina
15 Long Island Road
603.253.7315



*** At this time, the Town Clerk's Office is NOT an authorized boat agent and cannot register boats.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Nancy McCue, Library Director

The library had another great year. We sponsored dozens of well-attended programs and added hundreds of new patrons. Our Friends of the Library group, with over 200 members, is one of the largest in the state. The Friends held a very successful and enjoyable House Tour on a lovely day in June. Their annual Book and Author Luncheon, held at the Bald Peak Colony Club in September, was also very popular. The funds raised help the library in a variety of ways such as the purchase of free passes to local museums and underwriting the children's Summer Reading Program. Have you checked out our website? You can log on to your own library account and see what books, DVDs, magazines or audios you have checked out. You can also browse our catalog and reserve materials. Would you like to learn a new language? Click on the Mango icon and sign up to learn online. We also have ebooks and audio books available for download through the NH State Library consortium.

For more information and photos of all our activities check the children and teen pages on our website www.moultonboroughlibrary.org



SUMMER TIME READING

Judi Knowles, Children's Librarian

Over 200 youngsters played our reading game this past summer. They won lots of cool prizes donated by local businesses. We won 1st prize in the 4th of July Parade. We painted rocks, built castles and fairy houses, saw pigeons turn into a rabbit (Steelgraves Magic) and got up close and personal with exotic animals. We met several authors and local kids "mixed" with summer kids at our Read-a-Thon. Sixteen "Junior Friends" helped to make this all possible. And our "Senior Friends" financed much of our fun.

We are looking forward to decorating gingerbread houses and meeting Santa in December. Then we'll be making Valentines, singing Irish songs, hunting eggs, dancing around the May Pole and before you know it we'll be reading for fun again with the 2013 Summer Program, "Dig Into Reading". We'll explore underground fantasy stories, geology and archaeology, mischief makers such as trolls and fairies and of course we'll go on a treasure hunt or two.

RECREATION NEWS



The Recreation Department continues to offer high quality programs, events, and activities for our many residents and taxpayers. This past summer children of all ages enjoyed our Hot & Happy, Happy Campers, RECKing Crew, & Teen Adventure programs. We also offered a Theatre Camp and Challenger soccer camp. Other activities included swimming & tennis lessons, water carnival, and a penny carnival. Adults enjoyed our tennis lessons & tournaments, adult softball, the road race, gentle yoga, tai chi, zumba, and a wonderful trip to Cabbage Island Maine. The Operation Adult Recreation group enjoyed trips to the Isle of Shoals and Cannon Mountain. We look forward to more exciting trips next year.

At the time of writing this article, our Fall Youth Soccer & Volleyball programs are in full swing. The Community Center Drop In program is offered to students in grades five & up. Kids are playing knee hockey, air hockey, pool, ping pong, football, soccer, and the Wii. The hours are Mondays – Thursdays from 2:30 - 5:30pm.

ArtVentures, meets on Tuesdays at 9:00am, and don't forget our Monday drop-in program from 8:30 to 11:00am.

Our adult fitness programs continue to grow with the addition of Zumba Gold to our schedule. This is a slow paced aerobic exercise with modified moves. It's perfect for beginners! Gentle Yoga continues to be popular as well. Tai Chi and Zumba are also offered.

Join us for a Holiday Concert with the New Horizons Band, at 7 p.m. on December 11, Academy Auditorium.

We have created a phone list for adults & seniors to utilize our One Call Tell All Messaging System. This list is used as a means to inform people of upcoming events, trips, & programs that we are offering. If you would like to be added to the list please let us know. Upcoming events include Winter Day's put on in conjunction with MCS starting in January, skating lessons, a winter carnival to include a "Cardboard Box Sled Race", the return of the CATCH Kids Club, the Father /Daughter Dance, and a March trip to the Boston Flower Show. The office is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Friday hours vary based upon programming. You can also reach us by phone 1.603.476.8868, visit us on the town web site at www.moultonboroughnh.gov or send an email to us at mbengtson@moultonboroughnh.gov

CODE RED™ IMPROVES

Our CodeRED Weather Warning service now offers a Winter Storm alert in addition to Tornado, Severe Thunder Storm, and Flash Flood alerts. You can receive all of these warnings or customize them to fit your needs. To unsubscribe from this service you

must call 1.800.556.9780 from the phone to be removed. We cannot delete enrolled numbers or alert notifications. Only the owner of the phone number may.

If you have not yet enrolled in CodeRED you may do so online by clicking on the symbol on our home page. Enrollment brochures are also available at Town Hall and the Public Safety Building

2013 & 2014 TRANSFER STICKERS: NOW DUE AND ON SALE

It is time to once again buy your two year sticker for the Transfer Station and Town Beach Facilities. These cover the two year period of 2013 & 2014 and cost \$20.00 per sticker. You may purchase them at Town Hall between the Hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on our normal business days of Monday through Friday. You may also purchase them by mail. To purchase them by mail **please provide the following information in writing and mail it to the Town of Moultonborough along with a check made out to the Town of Moultonborough for the correct amount:**

- First and Last Name
- Your physical address in Moultonborough (no P.O. Box #'s)
- License Plate # (s) & State that they are registered in

Please enclose a self address, stamped envelope so that we can mail the permit to you. Allow two weeks in total from the time you mail it to us until you will receive your sticker by return mail. **Mail this information to:**

**Town of Moultonborough
P.O. Box 139
Moultonborough, NH 03254
Attention: Alison Kepple**

BLUE LOON BUS SERVICE EXPANDS



Have you wished you could use the Blue Loon "Flexed-Route" Bus Service to Laconia, Conway, or Wolfeboro but found the schedule didn't meet your needs? It may now that a mid-day run has been added.

A bus heads west from Moultonborough Town Hall at 6:57 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 3:57 p.m. Monday through Friday for Laconia. Trips to Wolfeboro or Conway start at 8:54 a.m., 12:35 p.m. and 5:54 p.m. Trips are \$2.00 one way or \$5.00 all day anywhere on the three routes. Discount passes are available. If you need, individualized Dial-A-Ride door to door service is available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling 24 hours in advance. Pricing and/or suggested donations vary by age and type of rider. To arrange for a Dial-A-Ride or ask for the Flexed Route to vary as much as ¼ mile off its route, call the Blue Loon Dispatcher at 1.866.752.6890. Do you have a question you'd like some help with? Call the dispatcher, send an email to transportation@tccap.org or go to the web site at www.tccap.org.



HOW CAN A "FIRM" HELP YOU?

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) goal is to protect lives and property in Carroll County. The new FIRMs provide detailed, digital flood hazard maps, to reflect current risks and areas of recent growth. Property owners will have Internet-accessible information about their flood risk. FIRMs will help owners protect their property, and allow local officials, engineers, builders, etc. to determine *where* and *how* new structures and developments should be built. The FIRMs are currently available in the Development Services Office at Town Hall, <http://granitview.unh.edu/>, www.nh.gov/oep/programs/floodplainmanagement/modernization.htm, and www.granitview.unh.edu/dfirms/Carroll.html. It is important to note, Town staff cannot make flood hazard location determinations for residents. April 20, 2011 FEMA released preliminary FIRMs, outlining areas that are likely to be flooded in Carroll County and held an informational meeting in Town on July 16, 2012. There was a public comment period and a 90-day appeal process for property owners in Town that ran to October 2nd. On October 3, 2012 the preliminary FIRMs became final, with the official date of adoption as March 19, 2013. Waterfront owners should review the FIRMs as soon as possible to determine if their risk has changed.

Earlier this summer those property owners identified as being in the flood risk areas were sent a letter about this. They were probably contacted by their lending institutions informing them of the need to purchase flood insurance. Those in the flood zone but without a mortgage are not required to purchase flood insurance unless they want to. Flood insurance may be purchased at a reduced rate if done before the new maps take effect in July 2013 as they are grandfathered into the current rates and not be subject to future increases. For more information, contact Jennifer Gilbert, Floodplain Management Coordinator, NH Office of Energy & Planning at 603.271.2155 or email at jennifer.gilbert@nh.gov.

SAVE THE DATES:



Town Election Day
7:00am – 7:00 pm
at the Public Safety Bldg.
1035 Whittier Highway



Town Meeting Day
Starts at 9:00am
at the Academy
on Blake Road



Clean-Up
&
Green-Up
Day